



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



The Exaltation of The Holy Cross 14th September 2025

Sunday Missal (page 570)

“The Cross is planted in the earth and would seem to extend its roots in human malice, but...by means of the Cross of Christ, the Evil One has been defeated, and death overcome...We admire – overwhelmed and gratified – the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ. Hail, O Cross, our only hope!”

These words of Saint John Paul II remind us that in the consuming fire of God’s love, even death itself has been taken up to become the path to life everlasting.

Each time Mass is celebrated, the mystery of Christ’s Cross and Resurrection is made fully present on the altar, and in this mystery, every pain and suffering in our own lives takes on a meaning which brings hope. Through the Cross of Christ, all our own sufferings are meaningful: they are places of encounter with the Lord himself who meets us.

May our own crosses be moments of encounters with Christ; loving us and willing us not to despair, but to hope in his power and mercy to transform them all.

Through the Cross, all human misery is taken up into the mystery of God’s infinite mercy. And by the Cross, all graces and blessings flow to us in each of our sufferings and needs.

Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood, Assistant Priest

Pope’s Intention for September:

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of respect.

During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS APPEAL

This weekend (13th/14th September) we welcome the Fr. Tom Ryan from the Society of African Missions who will share with us information about the work they do and ways that we can support this work.

FR GODLOVE MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRESENTATION

Fr Godlove will be returning to St Vincents to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th October. This will be our opportunity to formally thank Fr Godlove for his ministry here at St Vincents. If you would like to contribute to Fr Godlove's leaving collection please place your offering in an envelope marked 'Fr Godlove Leaving Collection' and place the envelope in the collection plate or through the presbytery door. Cheques should be made payable to St Vincents Stipend account. If you wish to do a bank transfer please email the parish office and they will send you the details. There will be a shared table after the Mass in Westleigh. More details to follow nearer the time.

SHREWSBURY DAY TRIP MEETING

At 7.15pm on Monday 15th September there will be a meeting in Church for all those going on the Shrewsbury Day Trip scheduled for Monday 29th September. At this meeting you will be given the information about the day with all the timings. **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE** - we still have some places available on this trip so if anyone would like to come along please email the parish office as soon as possible.

DEACON THEO SHARROCK'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Theo Sharrock will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Salford on Saturday 27 September. Theo grew up in St Vincent's, attending St Vincent's infants and junior schools from 2000 to 2006, and playing the violin in the children's music group at the 10 o'clock mass for many years. Although he currently serves as a deacon in Burnley in the north of Salford diocese, he is regularly seen at St Vincent's, where his parents are still parishioners. The new Fr Theo will therefore be celebrating his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11.30 mass at St Vincent's, on Sunday 28 September. Everyone is very welcome. There will be a reception afterwards in Westleigh, to which all are invited. We wish Theo a long, happy and fruitful priestly ministry. The ordination Mass itself, which is open to anyone, will take place on Saturday 27, at 12 noon at St Luke's RC Church, Irlams o' th' Height, M6 7WR (Salford Cathedral is undergoing major restoration work).

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER FROM 9:15AM

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School or nursery please come along to our next open morning event for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 15th October 2025. Please visit the admissions page of our website www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to book a place or scan the QR code.



ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you thinking about what it means to be called to the Catholic way of life? In Autumn we will be offering you the chance to come and find out more about a programme called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) whereby adults can learn and discern whether to become Catholic Christians. If you would like to know more about this, please come along to an Information meeting in church at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd September or speak to our priests.

PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 7.30-9PM

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, where the Parish Pastoral Team will outline their role in parish life and how they operate. St Vincent's is a diverse and thriving parish and we endeavour to support the community as well as each individual's faith journey. We will be looking at what has been offered to date and the fruits of those initiatives, as well as the challenges we face and how, together, we can seek solutions.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 14th 28th September at the 10am Mass.
- ♦ **Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass** - every Sunday, with video games (FIFA, tennis, etc), table tennis and other games, all for parents and children.
- ♦ **Playgroup** - Every Monday and Friday in term time from 9.30am - 11.30am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Bridge** - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ♦ **SVP** - Meets fortnightly on Mondays at 7pm in Westleigh.
- ♦ **Emmaus Prayer Group** - 7-8pm Mondays in Westleigh. Everybody welcome, please just come along.
- ♦ **Brownies** - Tuesdays in term time at 5.45-7.15pm in Westleigh
- ♦ **Rainbows** - Wednesdays in term time at 6-7pm in Westleigh
- ♦ **Knit and Natter** - 10am in Westleigh: 11th & 25th September (every fortnight).
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 6th and 20th September. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE

Unfortunately we are again having problems with the contactless card machine at the back of church so have removed it until we have it working again. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes you. If you would like to donate online you can do so by using the QR code on page 3 of this newsletter, emailing the parish office for the BACS information or you can set up a Standing Order for your Offertory Giving. This third option which includes a Gift Aid option, is simple and gives a substantial boost to the parish finances, costs you nothing extra and is completely confidential. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way please contact Michael Swarbrick on 07957 630230 or michael@swarbrick.co.uk.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY RETREAT DAY

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a Retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways that help is needed. There will be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family. On 11th October 9.30am-4.00pm at Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE (Above the Cafe). Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby. **To Register and for Information please contact:** Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07549226794 or Jane at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07517 906435.

VISIT TO AHMADIYYA MOSQUE WITH ALTRINCHAM INTERFAITH GROUP

The AIG invites you to join them on a visit to the Ahmadiyya Mosque (Hulme) on 16th September from 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments. Please book your place with Secretary@altrincham-interfaith.org.uk. Any questions to Dominique mdodarcy@gmail.com (see poster in St Vincent's).

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296 983

A HOLY HOUR ON SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7PM

Praise and Worship with Scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD, followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS EVENT

Jubilee for Catechists with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis on Saturday 15th November at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

SEPTEMBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Try to reduce water wastage in the home: only boil as much water as you need; avoid leaving the shower on unless you are in it.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Roman Kenny and Sophia Chell who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Eddie Ross & Hannah Serrage, Anthony Hughes & Francesca Heggie and Antonia Ruta & Kane Forrester who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Brian Jones, Annie Murney, Patricia Dryden and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include James Ainsworth, Michael Anderson, Robert Anderson, Margaret B, Antoni Baranowski, Janet Barnes, M Barnes, George Bell, Pat Bell, Antaolii Benzo, Dave Berry, Stephen Birchall, Helen Boardman, Jackie Body, Laura Body, John Breen, Daniel Brennan, Susan Brennan, Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, John Cawfield, Christopher Choo, Anne Coghlan, Murray Craig, Tommy Cresham, Peter Cresswell, Marjorie De Maria, Luke Dennett, David Michael Devine, Richard Doherty, Max Dunn, Ross Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, Peter Elliott, Freddie Fenton, Marie Ford, John Gardener, Ann Gately, Toby Gimson, Mary Good, Vicky Gosnold, Stella Gould, Niel Halsall, Carl Harrison, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Thomas Higginbotham, Gavin Hill, Hayley Hill, Nick, Hennis, Peter Heywood, Gavin Hill, Jane Hollingworth, Katie Holmes, Lucy Hunter, Janet, Martin Jones, Pauline Keenan, Ava Kendrick, H Khan, H & R Kelly, Nancy Kelly, Amelia Kennedy, Anne Killeen, Thomas Killeen, Elizabeth and Henry Kluck, Marcin and Teresa Kluck, Neil Lancaster, David Lawley, Barbara Lee, Betty Leeson, Willy Leeson, Klaudia Linert, Bob Lloyd, Chloe Logan, Laura MacGinn, Margaret, Erin Marks, Claire McAllister, Martin McConnell, Rupert McDermott, Maria, Mary McLoughlin, Carol McLoughlin, Brian Morris, Luke Murphy, Mary Murphy, Charles Musumali, Elaine Neary, Oliver, John O'Donnell, Maureen O'Hara, Anne O'Neill, Andrea Ottley, Marjorie Owens, Michalis and Karen Papangelis, Anna Perry, Krzysztof Pietrzak, Sue Power, Paul Raybede, Reece, Jackie Reed, Dave Renshaw, Helen Reynolds, Rose, Stuart Royle, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, David Ryan and Frank, Mary Ryan, Melinda Ryan, Steve Ryan, Camille Sanders, Jacky Scaife, Richard Sheryll, Julie Taylor, Ralph Taylor, June Telfer, Tomlinson family, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Joseph Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Joan Watson, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
Sheila Carr: 0161 928 7432

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 7th September, £2020.80

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

A thank you for £536.38 raised in the last retiring collections for the SVP.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 14th September <i>Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Alex Thomas and Sebastian Benedict Sybil Lavin (RIP) Vite Ramirez (RIP) For the People of the Parish
Monday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sybil Lavin <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 16th September <i>SS Cornelius, P M & Cyprian, B, M</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Joan Watson (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Susan McGowan (Birthday Memories)
Wednesday 17th September <i>Optional Memorial: St. Robert Bellarmine</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Audrey O' Donnell (RIP)
Thursday 18th September <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Peter Walsh (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Agnes Donegan (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 19th September <i>Optional Memorial: St. Theodore of Canterbury St. Janarius</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr. Godlove Amungwa (Thanksgiving) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Agnieszka & Dominik Grudzinski (1st Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 20th September <i>Ss Andrew Kim TaegOn, P, Paul ChOng Ha-sang and Companions.</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:15-17:15 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Philip & Elizabeth Hynes Wedding of Katie Edwards and John Gibson <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Shrewsbury Seminarians & Those Discerning a Vocation
Sunday 21st September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Mary & Gerry Conroy For The People of The Parish Peter Walsh (RIP) Alex Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Thomas Alex, Elizabeth & Thomas (Birthday Intentions & Wedding Anniversary)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

BOWDON VALE MASSES 10am Tuesday and Thursday **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - as above & by request

**SEPTEMBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 7TH SVP, 14TH SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS, 21ST
EVANGELII GAUDIUM**

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 4

PARISH CLERGY - Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood

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